

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. M. Webb and Mr. S. Pace were appointed Scrutineers.

The following Report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their seventh Annual Report, have once more to record a year of steady progress.

The membership of the Society shows a marked increase, and the roll on December 31st stood as follows:

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82
						Total	176

the totals for the two preceding years being 168 in 1898, and 173 in 1897.

During the past year two members have resigned; while the Society has further to deplore the loss of one of its members by death. The Society has thus lost three members, while eleven new members have been elected; one candidate awaited election at the close of the year.

The finances of the Society are in a flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities there remains a balance of £24 4s. 5d. in the Treasurer's hands, whilst the sum of £50 still remains invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. stock.

The President's address was delivered on February 10th, 1899, and twenty-eight communications, attributable to twenty authors, have also been made to the Society.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three more numbers of the 'Proceedings' have been issued, forming the second half of Vol. III, comprising 168 pages, including the index, title-page, contents, and list of illustrations for the whole volume, and containing six plates and numerous illustrations in the text.

Your thanks are due to the following, who have borne a proportion of the cost of illustrations, or who have assisted by furnishing drawings:—Dr. W. T. Blanford, the Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, R. H. Burne, S. I. Da Costa, H. Fulton, A. S. Kennard, J. Cosmo Melvill, J. E. S. Moore, R. Murdock, J. H. Ponsonby, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, H. Suter, E. R. Sykes, W. M. Webb, B. B. Woodward, and M. F. Woodward.

Further, your thanks are specially due to the Council of the Linnæan Society, through whose kindness the Society has been permitted, as in previous years, to hold its meetings in Burlington House.

Your Council have to regret the serious loss which the Society has sustained in the retirement of Mr. G. F. Harris from the post of Hon. Treasurer, which he has so ably filled since the foundation of the Society.”

The foregoing Report was put to the meeting from the Chair, and adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for the year 1900:

President.—W. T. Blanford, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

Vice-Presidents.—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.;

Prof. G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.; Rev. Canon Merle Norman, D.C.L., F.R.S., etc.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

Treasurer—J. H. Ponsoy, F.Z.S., etc.

Secretary.—M. F. Woodward.

Editor.—B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

Six other Members of the Council.—Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, F.L.S., etc.; R. H. Burne, B.A., F.Z.S., etc.; G. F. Harris, F.G.S., etc.; J. Cosmo Melvill, M.A., F.L.S., etc.; E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S., etc.; H. Woodward, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Retiring Officers, the Auditors, and the Scrutineers, a special vote of thanks being given to Mr. G. F. Harris, the retiring Treasurer.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

SIR RAWSON WILLIAM RAWSON, K.C.M.G., C.B., etc., who became a member of the Society in 1894, took a keen interest in Conchology, and had amassed a large collection of shells.

He was born in 1811, educated at Eton, and in 1830 became Secretary to the then Vice-President of the Board of Trade; in 1834 he was appointed Secretary to the President, and in 1841 was Private Secretary to Mr. Gladstone in the same office. In 1842 he was appointed Chief Secretary for Canada, subsequently going to Mauritius, where for several years he held the post of Treasurer. He was appointed Colonial Secretary at the Cape of Good Hope in 1854, and was elected to the Cape Parliament. In 1864 he was appointed Governor of the Bahamas, and in 1869 of the Windward Islands, retiring in 1875, when he received the honour of knighthood.

Sir Rawson Rawson was also a good botanist, and joint author with Dr. K. W. L. Pappe of "Synopsis Filicum Africae Australis." He was also devoted to geographical research, and at one time served on the Council of the Royal Geographical Society. He further did much for the Statistical Society; was its President in 1884-5, and first President of the International Statistical Institute. He died in London, 20th November, 1899.¹

SYLVANUS CHARLES THORP HANLEY, although never a member of the Malacological Society, was far too noted a Malacologist, and his death too great a loss to our science, to be passed over without mention.

He is probably best known by his work, written in conjunction with Prof. E. Forbes, "A History of British Mollusca," which is still the best on the whole subject; though his "Ipsa Linnæi Conchylia" is an equally valuable publication, and indispensable to the systematist.²

¹ See notice by J. Cosmo Melvill, F.L.S., etc., Journ. Conch., vol. ix, pp. 319-20, to which we are indebted for the above facts.

² For a list of his writings, see notice by E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc., in Journ. Conch., vol. ix, pp. 269-70, to which we are indebted for the facts here given.